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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 12TH, 1910.

ONE of the greatest national efforts that Great Britain has been making in recent years is in the direction of providing the country with British-grown cotton. In the course of the recent election campaign this subject was naturally much discussed in the speeches made in the Lancashire Constituencies, for Lancashire has been suffering from severe trade depression due to the high price of cotton, caused partly by shortage of crop, but mainly by what Lord ROBERT CRISP, in a speech at Blackburn, described as "the heartless operation of callous financiers in America." A few years ago an association was formed in England, designated the British Cotton-Growers' Association, with the object of encouraging the cultivation of the cotton plant in the British Colonies because it was felt that sooner or later America would need all its cotton and could grow itself, and in any case the desirability of rendering Lancashire independent of the said "heartless operations of callous American financiers" has been already demonstrated in a manner calculated to enlist the support of the important cotton weaving interests of the United Kingdom in an enterprise of this character. Even in the British territory at Kowloon an experiment was made in cotton growing, but it proved a failure. The best results have been obtained in the West African colonies, and what cotton has been produced there has

been of such excellent quality as to meet with a ready sale in Lancashire. It was during Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's tenure of the Colonial Secretaryship that the Association came into existence and, quick to perceive the national importance of the movement, this far-seeing statesman was among the first to express his cordial sympathy with the Association, and he gave to its efforts his heartiest support while he remained at the Colonial Office. The whole Unionist Government of the day indeed were so convinced of the possibilities of the Association—especially in West Africa—that it was largely on this account that the railway developments in Nigeria were pushed forward with the utmost expedition. One of the last acts of the late Sir ALFRED JONES, who was one of the British Cotton-Growers' Association's most indefatigable pioneers, was to negotiate with the Colonial Office for a grant-in-aid towards the cost of the experimental pioneer and missionary work of the Association in West Africa, with the result that the Government has made a grant-in-aid of £10,000 a year for three years. The proposals submitted to the Colonial Office were to the following effect:—The Association to raise further capital to the amount of £150,000 in order to continue the work already established on a commercial basis; to establish and maintain for a period of five years seven buying and ginning centres in the following districts—Gold Coast (Ivabolo and Northern Territories), Southern Nigeria (Ilushi), Northern Nigeria (Lokoja, Zaria, and Kano), and Nyasaland; the Association to provide seed for sowing purposes in the Gold Coast, Southern and Northern Nigeria, and to carry on the necessary travelling and missionary work in West Africa; the local Governments to take over and maintain the scientific, agricultural, and investigation work at present carried on by the Association in West Africa; the Imperial Government to make an annual grant of £10,000 a year for five years; such grant to be in lieu of certain proposed grants from the various local Governments amounting to £4,800 per annum. The Colonial Office reply was given last month. In view of the close co-operation between the British Cotton-Growers' Association and the Colonial Office in the past, and of the knowledge thus attained of the Association's work, Lord CANNING said he had no hesitation in recommending the proposal to his Majesty's Government, and was happy to be able to state that his Majesty's Government was prepared to accept the recommendation, with the modification that, in view of the experimental nature of the cotton ginneries which it is proposed to establish in the Colonies and Protectorates specified in the letter, the period of the grant should be restricted to three years, the liability of the Association being limited to the same period. The Association unanimously and gratefully accepted the offer. There has been some comment on the fact that this announcement should have been made during the election campaign, especially as it followed a rather strange allocation of money for new ships. It naturally gave rise to a suspicion that it was a bold bid for votes in a critical election, as the response to the Association's appeal could well have been deferred for a fortnight, if only for the reason that it would have avoided a very natural suspicion. However, apart from this consideration, the grant is generally acclaimed as wholly satisfactory, for the time would seem to have arrived for some assistance from the public funds. The Government grant will serve to stimulate, and not to check or discourage voluntary effort, and having in view the great public benefit likely to accrue from the great work initiated by the British Cotton-Growers' Association the grant from the Imperial Exchequer is one to which no exception whatever can be taken; but, on the contrary, deserves the cordial approbation of the general public.

Three shopkeepers from Yamati were at the Magistrate yesterday fined \$25 each for having unjust scales in their possession.

Snatching from the person was fairly common during the week and a number of offenders were brought before the Magistrate yesterday.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals—

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A sentence of three weeks imprisonment and four hours in the stocks was yesterday passed on a Chinese who had stolen a box containing \$22 in copper cash. He had been in charge of a boat cart for the New Year and absconded with the box, but was arrested on the steamer bound for Canton.

The German Mail of the 12th January was delivered in London on the 9th inst.

An Englishman named Eby (alias Naffield) has been arrested at Singapore on a charge of desertion from the Royal Garrison Artillery on Christmas Eve, at Hongkong, and has been turned over to the military authorities.

A children's party was given on E. M. S. Tamar on Thursday by Commander Acton. Many of the arrangements made for the entertainment of the children were distinctly novel. About eighty children were present and had a most delightful time.

Sir Matthew Nathan, the new Secretary of the General Post Office, arrived at Southampton last month from the Cape in the Union-Castle liner *Kingfisher Castle* and proceeded to London. He was accompanied by Captain Pennington, A.D.C., and was met by Mr. Russell, Agent General for Natal.

In conformity with the stipulation contained in the bonds of the Chinese four-and-a-half per cent gold loan of 1898, 2,388 bonds, representing £187,000, to be paid off at par on March 1, have been drawn at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard-street, E.C.

A large lorry and 1,000 cases of gasoline belonging to the Standard Oil Company were destroyed by fire last week in Manila bay, making a total loss of P 15,000, of which P8,000 was the gasoline. The cargo had been unloaded in the afternoon from the Norwegian freighter *Argos*, which came into port from Portland, Oregon, with a cargo of lumber and gasoline.

The Juveniles continue to attract large attendances at the Club Luncheon with their clever interpretation of "La Mascotte." All the stage fright which characterized the efforts of some of the children in the earlier performances has worn off and the performers now take to their various roles with an attitude which would do credit to older and more experienced hands.

New half crews from the Midway depot embarked on the cruiser *Edgar* at Portsmouth last month for passage to China to join the armed river steamers *Tai*, *Moorehead*, *Woodcock*, *Rebin*, and *Sandpiper*. The *Edgar*, which is commanded on the voyage out and home by Capt. the Hon. A. D. E. H. Boyle, M.V.O., is also conveying to the Far East, new crews for the *Waterwitch*, surveying vessel, and gunboats *Brilliant* and *Brandy*, which are to recommission for the China stations. The *Edgar* called at Plymouth to embark ratings for the armed river steamers *Kinsho*, *Widgeon*, *Snipe*, and *Woodcock*, which are also to recommission for further service on Chinese rivers.

His Excellency gave an official dinner at Government House on Wednesday night at which the following were present:—His Excellency Mr. Wallenberg, Mr. S. Swart, Captain Merriman, Commander Trevelyan, Commander Eymann, Major Sheppard, Rev. Father Watson, Captain and Mrs. Eymann, Colonel St. John, Major, Mrs. and Miss Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Coke, Mr. Noel Williams, Mr. P. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Bedeley, Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, Mr. B. James, Mr. Percival, Mr. and Mrs. Ough, Mr. and Mrs. Alabaster, Mr. P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Stodart Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Adamson, Mr. H. E. Tomkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wendt, Mr. and Miss Lieb.

A host of his friends up and down the China station and in the Straits, says the Singapore *Free Press*, will be well pleased to hear that amongst the considerable number of New Year Day promotions announced by the Admiralty is that of Commander Thomas Lawrie Sheldford, R.N., to be Captain. As is well known to many, Captain Sheldford is a son of the late Thomas Sheldford, C.M.G., a former partner of the firm of Paterson, Simons & Co., London and Singapore, and for many years member of the Legislative Council. He is a younger brother of Mr. W. H. Sheldford, also of that firm, formerly of Singapore, now of London. There is hardly a cricket field in the Far East from Yokohama to Penang that has not witnessed that popular naval officer's prowess on the cricket pitch and between the goal-posts. "Tommy" will have the warmest congratulations from many personal friends on his promotion.

CHINA NEW YEAR.

China New Year, with its message of hope for countless millions and its jollity and feasting for many who seldom experience either, has come round again, and the event has been celebrated with the usual thoroughness in Hongkong. Business has been completely suspended and the whole Chinese community have given themselves up to the full enjoyment of their one great holiday. As the year just closed has been fairly successful for most native commercial firms, it follows that the celebrations showed no diminution on those of former years, and the feasting and fun, and the firing of crackers, were on the same lavish scale as before. It is always a pleasing spectacle to see the Chinese strolling in their best raiment parading the streets on New Year's Day or on their way to make calls, each carrying their complimentary greetings, and as the weather was brilliant on Thursday the streets certainly looked more picturesque than usual. Decorations too, were found in many, and of course the dragon flag was conspicuous. As befitting the season perfect good feeling prevailed throughout the city and the few cases that came under the notice of the police were trifling.

So far as the European section was concerned the day was given up mostly to exercise or sport of some description. Football and cricket were the principal attractions, though the boxing at the Stadium appealed to a large number.

TELEGRAMS.

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SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

LONDON, February 10th.
The Spanish Cabinet has resigned.

PEARY A REAR-ADMIRAL.

LONDON, February 10th.
The Washington Senate has made Commander Peary a rear-admiral.

LORD KITCHENER.

LONDON, February 10th.
The "Daily News" lobby correspondent says he can discover no confirmation of the report that Lord Kitchener will succeed Lord Minto as Viceroy of India.

PERSIA AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 10th.
A telegram from Teheran states that Persia has applied to Russia for the extradition of Rakhim Khan. It is understood that Russia has refused.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER LAUNCHED.

LONDON, February 10th.
The first Australian destroyer has been launched at Glasgow.

Mr. Asquith in christening the ship said: "Firstborn of the Commonwealth Navy, I name you 'Par-amatta.' God bless you. May you uphold the glorious traditions of the British Navy in the Dominions over the Seas."

THE LABOUR PARTY AND THE LORDS.

LONDON, February 11th.
The Labour Conference passed unanimously a resolution declaring that a non-elected Chamber was an anachronism, and that the House of Lords should therefore be abolished. The Conference rejected an amendment opposing a second chamber of any description.

A FRENCH NAVAL CAPTAIN REMOVED.

LONDON, February 11th.
The Captain of the "Chateau Renault" has been removed from his command.

THE SEINE STILL RISING.

LONDON, February 11th.
The Seine is still rising, and the Chamber of Deputies has unanimously passed the grant of twenty million francs referred to in the telegram of the 7th inst.

THE PEKING SYNDICATE.

LONDON, February 11th.
The Board of the Peking Syndicate is being reconstructed. Mr. Carl Meyer and two English directors having resigned. The new Board will probably consist of four English and three French directors.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION INTO THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, Feb. 11th.
The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington has reported unanimously in favour of a Bill introduced into the Californian Legislature by Mr. Hayes to exclude Japanese labourers from the United States.

THE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, Feb. 11th.

A telegram from Berlin states that the chess tournament between Lasker and Schlechter has resulted in a draw at five all, Lasker retaining the Championship.

JAPANESE NAVY VISITORS.

To-day Hongkong will welcome the first battleship squadron of the Japanese Navy under command of Vice-Admiral Baron Kamimura, and as the ships and the men in command of them have played a prominent part in recent Japanese history special interest attaches to the visit, apart altogether from the fact that it will be the largest Japanese naval display seen in these waters. The squadron consists of the following: *Shikishima*, *Mikasa*, *Sagami*, *Iwami*, *Hizen*, and *Suwa*.

The *Shikishima*, which was launched in 1898, has a tonnage of 14,850 tons, and a speed of 18 knots, while her armament consists of four twelve inch and 14 six inch guns. She is commanded by Captain Loda.

The *Akashi*, launched in 1900, has a tonnage of 15,000, a speed of 18 knots, and has a similar armament to the *Shikishima*. She was Admiral Togo's flagship throughout the war, and sank afterwards in Sasebo harbour, as the result of an explosion in one of her magazines. Her commander is Captain Tachibana.

The *Sagami*, launched in 1898, has a tonnage of 14,500 tons and a speed of 18 knots. She was captured from the Russians, being previously the *Peresvet*. She is commanded by Captain Kamimura.

The *Iwami*, launched in 1902, has a tonnage of 19,000, and a speed of 18 knots. She was taken from the Russians, who knew her as the *Orel*. Her commander is Captain Yamaguchi.

The *Hizen*, formerly the Russian battleship *Retvizan*, was launched in 1900. Her tonnage is 12,700 and her speed is 18 knots. She is commanded by Captain Ishida.

The *Suwa*, formerly the Russian *Pobieda*, was launched in 1900. Her tonnage is 14,500 and her speed 18 knots. She is under the command of Captain Tanaka.

Vice-Admiral Kamimura has for chief of staff Rear Admiral Nomaguchi, and the second in command of the Squadron is Rear-Admiral Katsuhira.

During their short stay here the Japanese visitors will be offered no little entertainment. To-night Consul Funatsu and the Committee of the Nippon Club held a reception in the City Hall in honour of Admiral Baron Kamimura, at which a Japanese entertainment will be provided. On the 14th the distinguished visitors dine with Commodore Lyon on the *Tenar*, and later attend the farewell ball given by Admiral Lambton and the officers of the *King Alfred* at the City Hall. Next day Vice-Admiral Baron Kamimura and a distinguished company will be entertained to dinner at Government House by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, and on the 16th a film will be given to the visitors at the Race Course. On the 17th they leave again for the north.

MR. BELLIOS IN WALWORTH.

The *Daily Mirror* (London) of the 13th ult. has a pictorial front page of children taking part in the election. Four of the pictures show "Master Bellios, aged four, speaking for his father, the Unionist candidate for Walworth." His speech, the world is informed, consisted mainly of "Vote for my daddy. He is the best daddy in the world." Another picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Master Bellios in their motor car. On another page of the paper we find the following:—

INFANT CANDIDATE FOR HIS FATHER.

THE POLITICIAN OF WALWORTH CHATS WITH "THE DAILY MIRROR."

"LITTLE BILLY."

Edward Bellios, aged four years, is championing the cause of Unionism in Walworth with the aid of a pretty smiling face, his own pony and cart, and speeches which contain the most irresistible appeal either child or man can make. He is the son of Mr. E. E. Bellios, the Unionist candidate, who is popularly known in the constituency as "Billy," and it inevitably follows that the son is hailed as "Little Billy" wherever he goes.

"Little Billy" insists on going into Walworth every morning to help his father. He sits in his pony cart, holds a flag, on which are the words "Vote for Daddy," and is driven through Walworth to the encouraging cheers of his father's admirers.

Occasionally he even makes a speech. When the pony is halted a crowd usually collects, and then "Little Billy," seizing the opportunity, like the shrewd politician he is, says, in a clear, bell-like voice, "I hope you will all vote for my Daddy." And the crowd applauds and shouts in return, "We will."

POLITICIAN IN A PERAMBULATOR.
"Little Billy" is taken home for lunch, and in the afternoon nurse puts the infant politician into a perambulator and wheels him through the Park.

On his return yesterday afternoon the boy greeted the *Daily Mirror* at his home in Piccadilly, and talked about politics, and especially naval matters.

"Father thought he would do without me," he said, "but I said I wanted to go to Walworth very much, and he and mother said I could. Come and see my big white boat."

"Do you like going to Walworth?"
"Basher. I shall go every day. My boat has three lovely sails."

"Will come and see your boat. What do you say when you go to Walworth?"
"Vote for daddy. I always tell the people that. Do come and see my boat. I pretend the nursery floor is the sea. Bosh fun."

Mr. Bellios is an ideal Unionist candidate. He is the son of the late Hon. E. E. Bellios, who was a member of the Hongkong Legislative Council, and who by his generosity and personal influence did far more than any other single man towards making Hongkong what it is today—the leading port of the Empire.

The late Mr. Bellios was an Empire-maker in the true sense of the word, and his son is following worthily his father's example.

CHINA SOCIETY.

"DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE WRITING."

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, January 15th.

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the China Society at Grafton Hall on Thursday evening, when Mr. L. C. Hopkins gave a lecture on the above subject.

Dr. Barnett, Keeper of Oriental Printed Books and MSS. at the British Museum, presided, and in introducing the lecturer said the subject was one of intense and absorbing interest, for, as civilisation was based on literary tradition and literary tradition hardly existed without writing, it was plain what an enormous power was wielded by the written word. And when one realised the importance of this theme, more especially as in recent times there were coming to light evidences of the enormous antiquity of the European characters—or the characters that had done service in European culture—there seemed the possibility that we might connect them through the Aegian civilisation with those that had been in use for many years by the great race which had played the foremost part in the culture of the East. On those grounds, if on no others, Chinese writing had undeniable claims on scientific attention.

The lecturer then briefly sketched the stages through which Chinese writing had travelled. Chinese tradition and modern research alike went to show that the earliest characters were pictorial. The materials for the study of this first period of Chinese writing were furnished by ancient bronze vessels known by the Chinese term of *tsun-tzu*, or sacrificial vessels. In the Far East the origin of writing must be sought on a relatively few bronze vessels from time to time laid bare by the plough or the spade. There existed no single museum or other institution in the whole of China where such scanty relics of the past could be viewed by the public at large. The Imperial palaces at Peking and Mukden contained large and valuable collections, and many rich and educated Chinese also possessed some of these ancient treasures, but foreigners were refused admission.

Fortunately there were a good many spoils of Chinese bronze antiquities in European and American museums. During the last ten years a large number of fragments of bone, inscribed with Chinese characters of a very archaic type, had been discovered: these furnished a list of nearly 2,500 separate characters. The lecturer proceeded to deal with the Stone Drum Inscriptions and the Quarter Seal.

The Quarter Seal remained the current style from B.C. 827 to B.C. 220. It was a body of old forms, incorporating a minority of novelties. He went on to show designs and limelight illustrations how this archaic body of signs succeeded in gaining a foothold on the rough and uncertain surface of ancient Chinese Society. The life story of Chinese writing was the history not of a series of inventions but of a slow and continuous development, distorted rather than disturbed, by a ceaseless process of graphic corruption. If both the vigour and subtlety of intellect of an ancient race were observed in this Eastern script, they could also detect the errors and misconceptions that clung, like parasites, to it. Chinese characters were the progressive result of an effort to make speech visible. They were the shadows cast by spoken words, while those words still lived. They were the echoes of one time spoken words, when those words no longer had a vocal habitation and a name, but had sunk for ever in the silence of disuse. It was strange to him that so very few Occidental students had planned their attention to the ancient Chinese script. The Egyptian and Cuneiform systems had scores of investigators all over Europe and America, but the Chinese forms of writing had been generally neglected.

At the close a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer for his able lecture. A very interesting display of antiquities was on view. Among those present were the Chinese Minister, Lord Li, and Wu Ting Fang, on route from Washington for home.

THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

The third Manila Carnival opened on Saturday last under very favourable auspices, and it is not too much to expect that the success which attended its predecessors will be eclipsed this year. A military parade was the opening event, and after the various units composing this had marched through the principal streets of the old-world city it entered the Carnival Grounds where the Governor-General and party had assembled to take part in the opening ceremony. The hippodrome, a large amphitheatre, in which athletic and other competitions take place, is again a feature of the Carnival. The proceedings last Saturday opened with a meeting of colours, followed by a grand entry of all the performers, after which the procession of the Green and Yellow devils.

Monday was devoted to the annual horse show, and to polo and trap shooting events. The Hongkong team, consisting of Captain Bell, R.E., Captain Loring, R.G.A., Lieut. Green, Bufta, and Lieut. Roberts, Rajputa, with Lieut. Thicknesse, as reserve, arrived on Sunday. On this occasion they will ride American horses, which was found a handicap last time, as they are of course much higher than the China ponies to which the Hongkong representatives have been accustomed riding. One game will be played under American rules, one under Hongkong rules, and should each win a game the rules in the deciding game will be determined by the spin of the coin.

Efforts are also being made to arrange for a cricket match between men from Hongkong and a team representative of Manila. President Tait whose association with the Philippines is remembered by most people, and Secretary of War Dickinson, have sent greetings from Washington wishing the Carnival all success.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1910. [281]

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1910. [75]

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Goods not cleared by the 17th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1910. [1]

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All broken, damaged, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1910. [5]

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Hongkong, 5th February, 1910. [266]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 7th February to SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1910. [247]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of February, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1909.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 7th February, to SATURDAY, the 19th February, 1910 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1910. [233]

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1910. [187]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 18th August, 1909. [1083]

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [906]

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [241]

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [242]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [243]

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PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, 12th, and MONDAY, 14th inst.

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1910. [244]

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Office of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, on FRIDAY, the 18th inst., at 5.15 p.m., to discuss the proposed sale of certain boats to Saigon.

E. F. WARBROOK, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1910. [277]

CHINA UNITED SERVICE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING of the Association will be held on the Kowloon City and King's Park Ranges, on MONDAY, the 14th March, 1910, at 10 a.m.

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1910. [279]

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Mr. P. B. Smith of Bangkok.
(From a photograph.)

CRIPPLED AND ON CRUTCHES THROUGH RHEUMATISM
Mr. P. B. SMITH, OF BANGKOK, AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF
SUFFERING, FOUND PERMANENT CURE IN
DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

Above is given a copy of the latest letter received from Mr. P. B. Smith, the well-known merchant of Bangkok, Siam, regarding the fact that he is still well, and entirely free from the Rheumatism which caused him agonies for years, and which ultimately so completely crippled him that he could only get about with the aid of crutches.

Some years ago Mr. Smith presented the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co.'s Singapore Branch with the crutches in question, and at the same time recorded his experiences, which were published in all the newspapers of the Far East at the time. He therein mentioned that the Rheumatism, which extended from his ankles to his knees, had become so bad some time prior to his cure by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that he had been BEDRIDDEN FOR TEN WEEKS.

It was during one of his children, who had been ill for three months, raised from her sick bed completely cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that induced him to try these Pills himself, with the astonishing results for which he has been so profoundly thankful ever since.

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REVIEWS.

Business Prospects 1910.

Edited by JOSEPH DAVIES and C. F. HARRIS. London: The Commercial Intelligence Publishing Co., Ltd.

This is a publication which we have no recollection of having seen before, but we gather from the contents that the present volume has been preceded by at least three others. Its purpose is described in the following paragraph which we extract from the preface:—"In Business Prospects" an effort is made by examining the effect in the past of industrial conditions similar to those obtaining in the present, and by supplementing the lesson so learned with the facts available as to definite prospective business, to form an estimate of the future market movements in each of the leading sections of commerce. No claim is made that these are anything more than estimates with all the inherent liability of estimates to err. But what is claimed is that whether a business man agrees or differs the facts, the analyses and the arguments cannot fail to be of some value in bringing before him new points or in suggesting fresh ideas which must aid him in shaping the course on which his success depends."

Who's Who for 1910. London: Adam and Charles Black.

This book hardly needs an advertisement. Once it has been in use it is never likely to be forgotten or overlooked, and to say anything of it is almost to attempt the impossible. The 1910 volume has a larger number of biographies than its predecessors, and the book has been revised and brought up to date. In the newspaper office the publication is invaluable, and its social and business importance are too well known to call for recapitulation.

Who's Who Year Book. London: Adam and Charles Black.

This book is supplementary to "Who's Who," and is really a key to the larger one. It is a reference book where the information sought can be seen at a glance, and where the large book is there should be the smaller one also.

Whittaker's Almanack for 1910.

No compendium of information more useful has a place on the market than Whittaker's, and that this is generally recognised is testified to by the great popularity of the book. It is found in most offices, and its assistance has been sought to settle many a doubt. In fact, the authority of Whittaker on any point is sufficient to clinch most arguments. The principal features of the new book are the changes in customs, excise, licences, stamps, taxes, etc., should the Budget become law, and the greatly enlarged lists of secondary schools, while the Parliamentary summary and events of the year are given in greater detail. Interesting articles are also found in it on such subjects as Naval Progress, The Army in 1909, Old Age Pensions Association, Social Progress, Export of British Capital, and other topics.

The Wellcome Photographic Exposure Record and Diary, 1910.

The Wellcome Photographic Exposure Record and Diary holds an unique position amongst photographic publications. In no other book can be found such a wealth of expert, practical information on the essentials of photography, in such a condensed and crystallised form. Let the photographer follow the instructions given in the article on exposure, and his exposure will be correct, let him develop these exposures according to the methods set forth, and ideal negatives will be the inevitable result. An important feature is the Wellcome Mechanical Exposure Calculator. It is fastened inside the back cover of the book, and cannot be lost or mislaid. One turn of one scale tells the correct exposure for any subject at any time of the day or year in any part of the world. The following brief list of subjects treated will give some idea of the scope of the book:—How to estimate the correct exposure for any subject under almost every conceivable condition of light, time of day and year, latitude, plate, etc., etc. Factors for plates and bromide paper, diary memoranda, and exposure record pages, developers for all purposes, development by all methods, lantern-slide making, intensifiers and intensification, reducers and reduction, contact printing by artificial light, tones and toning colours, process, colours by simple development, colour effects by staining, speeds of bromide papers, besides numerous pages of general information which is especially useful to photographers. Three editions are issued:—(1) Northern Hemisphere (bound in light green), (2) Southern Hemisphere and Tropics (bound in dark green), (3) United States of America (bound in red).

CHURCH SERVICES.

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SALVAGE AND SOLDIERS HOME, Arenal Street—Sunday, 3 p.m. P.S.A. 8 p.m. Gospel Meeting conducted by Mr. Barnett Munday, 6 p.m. Fellowship Meeting, Tuesday, 8 p.m. Wesley Hall, "Social Evening," Wednesday, 8 p.m. "Empire Meeting," Saturday, 9 p.m. Every Member.
URBAN CHURCH, Kennedy Road—Worship, Rev. C. B. Bocking, 11 a.m. Worship, Hymns, 2.55, 1.55, 7.55 (Arnold), Special Preaching, Prof. J. G. Rogers (of California), Subject, "The five Benign Stages of individual Progress," 4 p.m. Sunday School, 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns, 7.30, 9.15, 10.30.

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PROOING BACK TO PALESTINE.

JERUSALEM, JORDAN VALLEY.

A correspondent at Jerusalem, writing to the London Daily Mail says:—"The proclamation of the Constitution in Turkey has thrown open the doors of Palestine to the influx of Jews from all parts of the world. In Jerusalem alone four-fifths of the population (100,000) now belong to the Jewish faith, while at Jaffa, Haifa, Safed, and Haifa (Mount Carmel) Jews are reckoned by tens of thousands."

Almost whole of the extensive plain of Esdraelon has been bought up by them. Their prosperous colonies spread from Dan to Beersheba, and even farther south to the outskirts of Egypt. Thousands are staying from Persia to find shelter and protection in the Holy Land, while every ship from Odessa carries hundreds of them.

The Jordan Valley, once the property of the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid, is being eagerly sought after by Jewish capitalists and syndicates. The Zionists, whose agents are distributed all over the land, are buying up the rich properties of the Mahomedan landlords, whose incomes since the revolution have considerably lessened.

The whole city is essentially a Jewish town. Banking, as well as trade and commerce, is monopolised by Jews. The Government has found it necessary to organise a company of Jewish gendarmes. Hundreds of thousands of pounds are annually sent from Europe and America to enable the colonists to build homes, hospitals, schools, and invalid homes. Over one hundred Jewish schools already exist in Jerusalem alone. Synagogues are rising up everywhere.

The value of land has risen fourfold. The ignorant and poverty-stricken fellahs (peasants) are being ousted from their homes and villages by the sharp European Jew settler, whose modern agricultural implements and methods have made the land produce harvests never before dreamt of by the natives. The Anglo-Palestine Company, a Zionist banking and commercial enterprise, is pushing the cause of Daniel with splendid determination.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 12th at 11.40 a.m.—The barometer is rising slowly over Japan, but the depression is still above over the Pacific to the East of Hokkaido.

The anti-cyclonic area remains over the continent to the North of the Yangtze valley, and pressure has increased moderately over S. China. Pressure is relatively low over the S. part of the China Sea.

Strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 11 a.m. 10.4 day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon today is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood... N and N.E. winds, fresh; fair, cloudy.
Formosa Channel... N.E. winds, strong.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook... Same No. as 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan... Same No. as 2.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. Sunda left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., at 6.30 a.m., and is due here on the 12th inst., at about 1 a.m.
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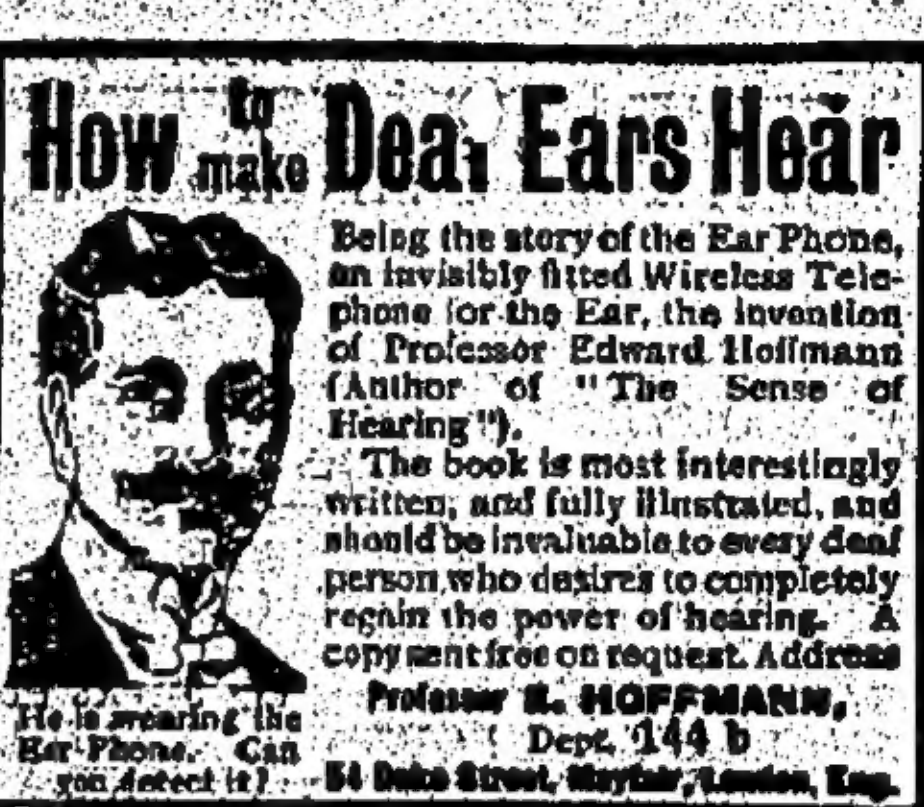
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LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	ASSAYE Capt. Owen Jones, R.N.R.	Noon, 19th Feb.	See Special Advertisement.
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SHANGHAI	"UOYSANG"	Tuesday, 15th Feb., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"LIENSING"	Friday, 18th Feb., Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Friday, 18th Feb., Noon.
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No one had ever thought of making the Squire of Thornleigh to draw up a will, until, at the death of his "missus," old Ben Gilbertson was formed him that he would feel a deal 'appier if he would consent to do so for him.

"I don't know 'f lawyer folks," said Ben. "an' 'Cason," he made out Mary's will. I'd hardly have the face to ax him to write out another so soon. She left everything to me, ye know. Says she, 'The things was mostly bought out of your wage, Ben, an' 'tis but right as you should have the settlin' of 'em.' She was a wonderful sensible woman, our Mary was. Well, so I thought it 'y'.

I'd like to have all set out the plain and straight as there need be no quarrelling at after I'm gone. There's my folks ye know, an' there's our Mary's folks—they'll all be lookin' for summat. I reckon I'd best settle it while I'm still o' my feet—I don't like to be no very long behind our missus. I could like to follow her—any time now."

He brushed his coat-off across his eyes, and the Squire, firmly jamming his pipe in the corner of his mouth with one hand, bestowed an encouraging pat on Ben's shoulder with the other. His eyes, too, were dim for a moment. They understood each other, these two Lancashire men; and Ben felt more comforted by that friendly clasp than if the Squire had preached a whole sermon on resignation.

Ben, however, lived many years after the devising of this document, which some people said served to prolong his life. He was always hobbling up to the Hall with anxious requests to see the Squire immediately. "He has," he would say, "been thinkin' about leavin' the settlin' to one of his own folk."

One day, however, the Squire finally put an end to this indecision. Having written out the will the fifth time he read it aloud to Ben, who listened with grave satisfaction, and declared that its provisions were entirely in accordance with his wishes; the Squire then sealed it up in the old man's presence, and solemnly affirmed that he would alter it no more.

"I will put it away safely," he announced, "and have no fear of what you go doin', Ben, I will see that everything is arranged as you wish; but yet can't improve upon that will by making any more changes. It's a first-rate will and ought to satisfy every one."

Ben, much gratified by these assurances, took his departure, and the Squire proceeded to put away the will. He put it away so carefully, in fact, that when, a year or two later, old Gilbertson joined his Mary, he could not find it. In vain were cupboards searched and drawers emptied; still the will was nowhere to be seen. The Squire, however, accepted the situation with philosophy. He had luckily jotted down the sum which Ben had deposited in his hands; after the expenses of the funeral had been defrayed, the remainder would be divided among the old man's next-of-kin. Ben had made his wishes particularly clear on this point.

"Furth'more," he had remarked, "but I'm a sinner. I don't reckon nobody can look for that 'out o' my own flesh an' blood."

For the rest the Squire felt himself quite equal to the task of dividing Ben's effects, and those which Mary had left behind. It was true that Ben had changed his mind so often that the Squire was a little hazy as to what had been finally settled about Mary's watch, and who was to have been the ultimate possessor of the big silver chain; but he did not much distress himself about the matter. After all, Ben had occasionally consulted him as to the disposal of each of them, and the final document had been drawn up entirely according to his personal views of equity. It seemed to him quite as simple to portion out the actual articles of property as to arrange their destinations on paper.

On the day following Ben's funeral, therefore, he went sauntering down to the old man's cottage, pipe in mouth, stout stick in hand, retriever at heel, with as much concern as though he were bent on a mere inspection of the plantations. Here were assembled the relatives of the old couple, who had been convened on the previous day, after the Squire had, according to his custom, followed the remains of his old tenant to his last resting-place. It was quite a notable gathering; John Gilbertson, Ben's younger brother, with two sons and a married daughter; two other nephews whose parents had predeceased Ben; there was even a first cousin present, though the rest of the family agreed that this was shameful "havin'" on a day best to be spent among the plantations. Here was Ben's little son, a poor old fellow whose Ben would be like to leave, and they wondered who had the face to show himself when there was so many others with a real claim. But Jane Norris, a prosperous-looking, smooth-faced woman, was unmoved by their innuendoes, and sat with her black-gloved hands demurely folded in her lap, the picture of composure.

Margery and Sarah Wareing were there—Mary's sisters. The Wareings were much respected in Thornleigh. The central "a" in their name conferred peculiar distinction; there were Wareings galore in the village, as even at Upton, but they were not "members of our family," as the proud possessors of the superfluous vowel were careful to point out. No less than three of Mary's nephews and a niece—thirteen in all.

"It's six an' a half, if it's the nearest o' kin as is counted," remarked Sarah Wareing, with a scornful glance at Jane.

Mrs. Norris cleared her throat, but took no further notice of the observation.

"Six an' a half," echoed John Gilbertson, "an' that's the nearest o' kin as is counted. You Mary didn't bring nothin' to her 'unlaid. I mind well my poor father were awful undone about that."

"If your Ben had died first though, he'd be left everything to my sister," returned Sarah, with spirit. "I've heard her say so many a time."

And if our Mary hadn't been such a sinner creature her husband wouldn't 'a' had so much put by," added her sister.

It was at this juncture that the Squire arrived, with coat and waistcoat open, and hat at the back of his head, for it was a hot day, and though he had not unduly hurried himself, his progress through the plantations had undoubtedly warmed him up.

He was a fine figure of a man, taller by half a head than the tallest man present, and broad in proportion; the merry twinkle of his blue eyes, the kindness of the smile which lifted his white whiskers, revealed in some measure the secret of his influence over his own people. He was as pleased to see them as they were to see him. "It was characteristic of the relations in which they stood to each other that they had as little notion of expressing sympathy or gratitude as he of making a parade of condolence."

"He nodded to right and to left, seated himself in the elbow-chair with his dog at his feet and looking quietly round, remarked in an unconcerned tone that he was sorry he could not read out Ben's will because as a matter of fact he had lost it."

Both Wareings and the Gilbertsons had implicit faith in their Squire's impeccability; nevertheless they were a good deal taken aback at this announcement, and after a blank pause, John Gilbertson frowned with some incredulity what was going to be done about that.

"It won't be so easy to manage now," he added.

"Easy enough," put in one of the nephews, a sharp young man who was assistant to the Great-Upton grocer, "everything as old Ben left 'all all have to be divided now betwixt his next o' kin."

"For shame of you!" cried Margery Wareing, shrilly. "I never did hear nothin' so outrageous. Our Mary told us time and again as we was to look for our share at arter poor Ben was took. 'All as I've got 'all go to him for his life,' says she, but when we both shills to our long home—"

"As far as that goes," interrupted Sarah, "a good few o' the things is ours by note. That settlin' yonder was mother's, for one thing. 'Ye ought to be ashamed o' yerselves,' Jim Gilbertson."

"So he ought," agreed the Squire, looking sternly at the youth in question, and giving a fierce twist to his white moustache. "The fact that I have mislaid Ben's will is of no consequence at all," he added. "I talked the matter over with Ben, and gave him my advice. I have to see that his wishes are carried out, and that each one of you receives his or her just share. Now first with regard to the money—"

The assemblage listened with strained attention, while the Squire took a small slip of paper from his pocket, and leisurely turned over its pages.

"Ah, here is my memorandum," Benjamin Gilbertson left one hundred pounds in my hands this morning to be kept until after his death. After paying the expenses of his funeral he wishes the money to be distributed among his own nearest relations. If his brother John survives him he is to be entitled to two shares, the remainder to be divided among his nephews and nieces. That's plain enough."

"That's plain," agreed the fortunate legatees in chorus; John Gilbertson declaring with great satisfaction that it was very plain.

"Is there no mention of a cousin, Squire?" enquired Jane, with a dropping jaw.

"None whatever," responded the Squire firmly. "Well, there's one thing settled. Now, there's the watch, Mary's watch which used to belong to her father, I believe."

"That's right, sir," put in Margery Wareing quickly. "I was my father's an' 'a's a store him—the rule o' the watch—'eh, how well I mind seein' it fair halgin' out o' grandfurther's watch."

"Yes, it's been in the Wareing family a long time," agreed the Squire, "and Mary settled during her lifetime that her eldest nephew, Bob Wareing (Bob o' Joe's) was to have it after Ben's death."

"Well," exclaimed Margery and Sarah together, the younger remaining mute after this single explanation, while the elder's quavering pipe continued—"Eh, dear, I call that downright wicked of our Mary—'tis to be hoped it'll not come again her worse's she's gone! To leave me out as was the oldest next to her, an' as she knowed had the best right to poor father's watch! I thought I'd enough o' Ben's keepin' it along, but now if that whippersnapper Bob is to be lord o' it!"

The Squire pushed his hat a little further back on his head and stared at her reproachfully. Ben had certainly told him in the first instance of Mary's wish that Bob should inherit the watch. Nevertheless the old man had subsequently changed his mind more than once with regard to the disposal of the treasure in question—how had the matter been finally settled? The Squire's indecision was, however, momentary.

"It will never do to shilly-shally at the outset," he said to himself, and taking up the watch which lay with other valuables on the centre table, he handed it over to Bob.

"What does an old woman like you want with a tawny watch?" he remarked to Margery. "Why the weight of it would break you in two if you were to wear it. You shall have the kitchen clock, which will be much more useful and much easier to tell the time by."

"I was lookin' to have that clock," said Martha Maseam, John's daughter. "My poor uncle Ben often said to me when I was a child: 'I'll tell you maybe come your way, Martha, when I'm past reckonin' time.'"

He said the same to me," put in a Wareing niece, snooty; and the clock was bought out of my aunt's savings. 'Twas her children-money she scraped up for!"

"So it was," agreed Margery. "It's not her own eldest sister should have it."

"The settle," returned the Squire, "shall go to Sarah Wareing."

"I don't know 'f Margery Wareing havin' that clock," said old John Gilbertson, who had been revolving the previous problem in his mind. "If the watch is to go to the Wareings it's rest as Gilbertsons should have you clock. If 'twere bought out o' Mary's children-money I'd like to know who paid for the hens—who'd be like pay for the hens unless 'twere our Ben?"

"The clock," resumed the Squire, peremptorily, "goes to Margery Wareing; the settle to Sarah Wareing. The kitchen fender and fire-irons to Jane Norris."

"I knowed Ben 'd never forget me," remarked Jane, complacently.

"I can't think that's rest, sir," put in Sarah Wareing, sharply, "that kitchen fender were I, I say, the apple of our poor Mary's eye. Eh, dear! 'tis times as I times I've seen her a-polishin' o' that steel bar on top. I'm right down certain 'twould 'a' broke her heart if she'd 'a' thought 'twas to go out o' her own family."

But the Squire did not hesitate even for a moment here.

"Both Ben and Mary agreed that Jane was to have that fender," he responded. "Ben told me so dozens of times. He said, 'here the Squire's black was twinkled a little maliciously, 'that neither you nor Margery were house-proud enough to keep that steel bar as his missus would have wished it to be kept, but he knew Jane Norris would value it. You see Jane has been doin' for him since Mary's death, and he could see for himself, how she kept his things.'"

The fury of both sections of the assemblage broke forth at this. The Gilbertsons opined that there were others of that family as could be house-proud as well as them as was scarce. Ben said, and he had been paid good wages for the little they'd done for poor old Ben. Why Ben was nobbut nineteen in the shillin' at the best o' times! He weren't no judge o' who was house-proud in a family and who wasn't. The Wareings on the other hand were divided between pious indignation at Mary's slight of her own flesh and blood, and an inclination to disbelieve in the validity of the decision attributed to her.

"I mind," piped Margery, "my sister Mary sayin' to me one day when I popped in on my way to Upton, and found her drooped by the hearth polishin' you see, I mind as well as if 'twere yesterday her sayin' to me, 'This ere job 'all not be to you 'llik, I doubt, Margery, but whoever has this fender at arter I'm under-ground, must see an' keep it as I've kept it.'"

"If anything 'd show plain as you weren't meant to have it, Miss Wareing, I should think it 'd be that," observed Mrs. Norris. "She knowed you wasn't so very fond o' work and the here in mind them as was."

Here the Squire thumped upon the table, and order was restored.

He had smelted two pipes and rapped upon the table scores of times before the remainder of the household effects were distributed; if not to the satisfaction of the parties most nearly concerned, at least entirely to his own.

"Now," he said, looking round with a smile of freshly awakened interest, "now we'll settle about the poor old chap's clothes."

"Eh, there's a good 'low o' Mary's too," but in Margery. "Poor Ben—well, I'm not one to speak ill o' them as is gone, but 'tis but true to say as he were awful near. He wouldn't so much as part wi' one o' my poor sister's handkerchiefs—not during his lifetime, he wouldn't. Says he, 'Naught as is in this house shall be took out till I'm a-seenin' out feet and eyes!—It's me, I think, Sarah an' me as should have poor Mary's leavin'."

"My Aunt Mary was my godmother, though," said a Wareing niece.

"And there's other o' the family as would do wi' a few old mittens," put in one of the nephews. "Fair is fair."

"Turn out the cupboards," said the Squire, "and set the things in piles on the settle, Margery. I'll divide them myself."

"Eh, Squire, but I doubt that job 'all be too much for ye," said John Gilbertson, with a grin. "No man 'llin' be fit to dale wi' wummenfolk when there's duds to pick from. They'll be all scratchin' each other's ear out."

"I think poor Mary 'd 'a' liked me to have the headed dolman," remarked Jane, with a virtuous air. "She said once I was like herself—one as 'd sew on a head the very minute it dropped off, 'f 'twas in the middle of breakfast."

"Jane," said the Squire, "be thankful for your fender and your fire-irons, for you'll get nothin' more. No, John, I shan't find it a bit hard to settle this little matter, for I've got a plan of my own, which I think will work very well both with regard to Ben's clothes and Mary's. Next-of-kin—next to skin—to do you see?"

A mystified pause ensued, after which the Squire with many chuckles proceeded to unfold his project.

"Now this is the rule I propose to follow. You, John, as Ben's brother, shall have his shirt and his singlets; the nephews may divide his waistcoats and trousers; and you, Mary, may have his coat. I'll settle Mary's things in the same way. Next-of-kin, next to skin, as I say. Then nobody can complain."

There was a dead silence. The Squire's plan was set forth so triumphantly as to be at first deceptive. It takes some time for a new idea to penetrate into Lancashire heads; and for a moment or two, the parties concerned were disposed to acquiesce, but presently Margery said, tentatively:—

"If I was to have Mary's stockin's somebody else 'd be gettin' her boots."

"To be sure," agreed the Squire. "I'd say so. You'd have to have them for the missus."

"But what use is waistcoats and trousers without coats?" said John Gilbertson, suddenly illuminated. "That don't seem to work out, rest, Squire. And there's our Ben's top-coat, what he used to wear in winter—it's me as ought to have that if anybody has it."

Well, resumed the Squire suavely, "if you don't think a hard and fast rule would answer—and of course hard and fast rules don't always answer—you can leave the matter in my hands, and I'll divide the things among you as I think fit. But there must be no more arguing, do you understand? I can't be here all night."

Faces cleared and harmony was instantly restored.

The Squire, rising to his feet, conscientiously inspected each shabby well-worn article of apparel, and judiciously allotted it to one or other applicant. When the last shabby petticoat had been thankfully received by a married Wareing nephew, and the last pair of socks pocketed by the Gilbertson niece, who observed that though they were past mending they'd come in very handy for scrubbing the floor, the meeting broke up.

But let and behold! Ben's will came ultimately to light in a thoroughly unlooked-for manner.

There was a tall desk in a retired corner of the study which nobody ever used, and which was in fact a mere receptacle for certain ancient family deeds.

It chanced that one winter's day some three years after the settlement of Ben Gilbertson's effects, someone was exhibiting there to a visitor, and was struck by the modern appearance of a long blue envelope, which lay beneath a bunch of keys. On turning it over it was found to be neatly endorsed "Ben Gilbertson's Will."

"Eh, what?" exclaimed the Squire, looking round from his armchair, where he had been resting after a hard morning's work at the turning lathe. "Found Ben Gilbertson's will? You don't say so?"

"Yes, here it is. Oh, I see. It wasn't Margery who was to have it."

"Don't tell me," interrupted the Squire. "Give it to me, as I say. Both the Gilbertsons and the Wareings are quite happy and satisfied now, and the matter has been finally disposed of. I won't have anybody unsettled again."

The Squire had been folding up the unopened document as he spoke; and now proceeded to light his pipe with it, after which he thrust the flaming sheet into the embers.

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